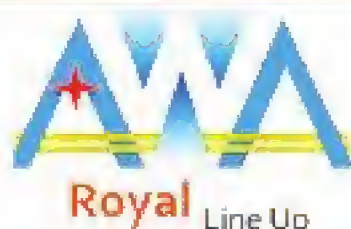
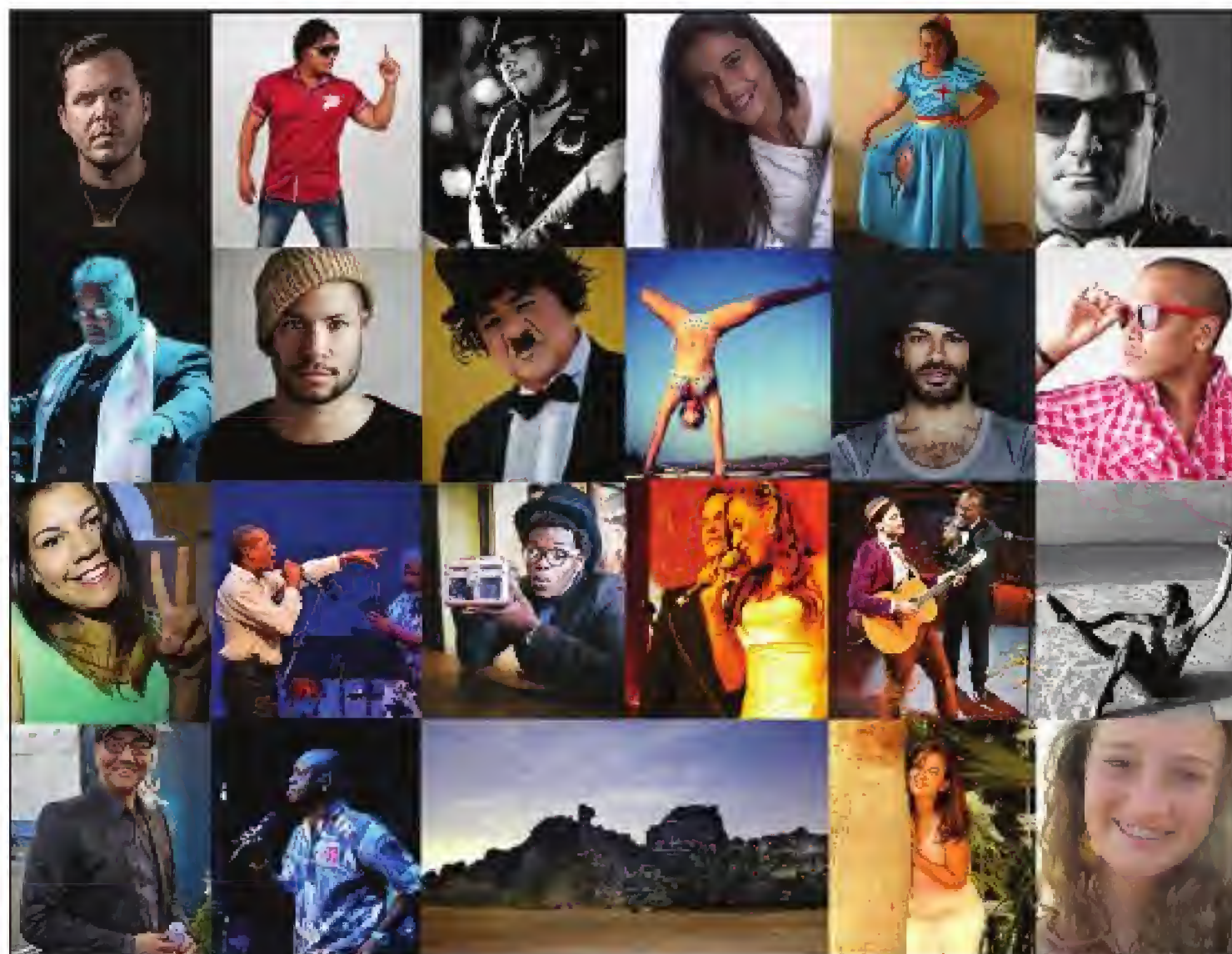


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Talent and logistics for "A Royal Night at Bushiribana" unveiled



ORANJESTAD -- The committee organizing the gala cultural event to be conducted for the visit of HRM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima, unveiled the program yesterday morning, with details for parking and bussing to the Bushiribana ruins where it will take place on Wednesday, November 20.

Adjutant Roel Samson,

Director of Cas di Cultura Jonathan Viera and Nicole Hart, Press Coordinator for the Royal Visit unveiled a star-studded and diverse roster of island celebrities of all ages who will be a part of this very unique show. This is the first time that such a grand event has ever been conducted at the ruins, where they are creating an arena to accommodate 5000 specta-

tors.

The duties of Master of Ceremonies will be shared by noted Dutch TV personality Jörgen Raymann, popular Aruban humorist and singer, Vale Croes, and the winner of the Arte di Palabra contest for four consecutive years, Osvaldo Correa

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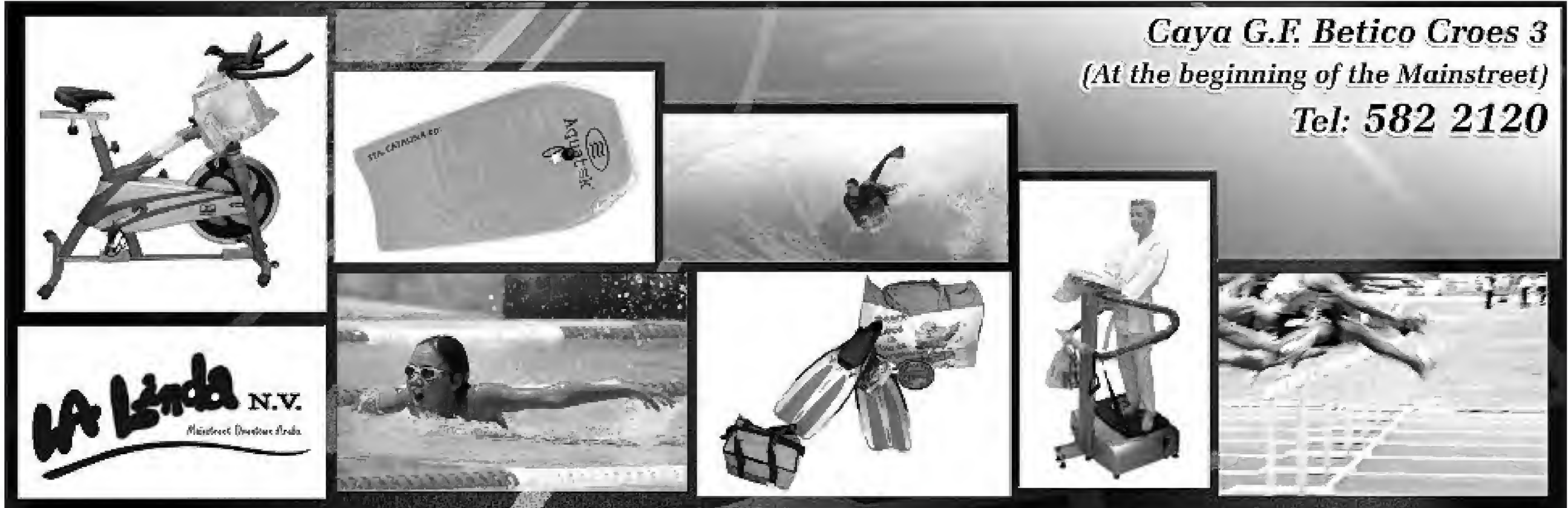
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MC Osvaldo Correa

Backing up the talented performers on the central stage will be DJ's Nutzbeatz of Aruba and DJ Chuckie from Holland. Singers from Aruba



MC Vale Croes

include Shannon Bueno, Zahira Falconi, Frangina Kelly, Maxime Kaan, Hillyann Croes, Mandy Villasmil, Luigi Cortes, Angelo Kool-



MC Jörgen Raymann

man, Jersey Sophia, Osvali van Romondt-Lopez, Teddy Phillips, Robert Jeandor and Michael Lampe. Veteran vocalist Dane Clark, born on Aruba, but best known in Eu-

rope, and his son from Holland, Alain Clark, will be on the bill along with Pete Philly. U.S. Expatiot Rachel Brahten will be performing "Dance Yoga."

Noted island dancer Alydia Wever will be director and choreographer of the dance program, working with Pierangely Wever, Dyantha Maduro, Gladys M. Duarte Fragoso, Samantha Westera Juppa, and Elisa Colon. Carlos Bislip of the Rufo Wever School of Music and founder of the annual Jazz Appreciation Month on Aruba will be the musical director with Franklin Granadillo. The orchestra will consist of Lidrick Solognier (drums), Roy Croes (Bass), Chucho Hoek (Guitar), Rodney van der Biezen (Piano), Mandy Villasmil (Keyboard), Eduardo Maya (Trumpet), Robert Drumfries (Trombone), Franklin Granadillo (Trumpet), Roberto Varona (Sax), Chris Rodulfo (Percussion). Maybelline Arends-Croes will conduct a children's choir. There will be spectacular laser mapping,

light show and fireworks integrated into the program.

The program will begin at 7:00 PM, and local food and beverage trucks will be stationed in the area, where refreshments can be purchased. Regular updates regarding the program and all events surrounding the royal visit can be found on their official website: www.bishitareal2013.aw.

Organizers of the event realize the numbers expected to attend and the location are a dilemma regarding traffic and access, so various parking areas have been arranged with bussing to the Bushiribana ruins. Presently, designated parking areas are lots at Club Caiquetio in Paradera, the area cleared adjacent to the party headquarters of Otmar Oduber, also in Paradera, Britania Ballpark in Piedra Plat, next to Centro di Bario Ayo and Sporboys ball field next to the road to Angochi, in Santa Cruz. Parking lots will open at 5:00 PM, entrance to the staging area will be at 6:00 PM.


By Rosalie Klein



Organizing committee with location in background



Talent and Organizing committee



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RIU officially notifies Aruba government they will purchase Westin Resort

ORANJESTAD – Recently, RIU management officially announced to the Aruba government they have reached an agreement with Wells Fargo to purchase the Westin Resort & Casino Aruba.

In 2006, Belfonti Capital Partners obtained the property: it transferred from the

Wyndham to Westin flag at the end of the year. In 2009, Belfonti Capital Partners transferred the shares to the banks, which became the owners of the property. Following that, Wachovia Bank took over the shares. When Wells Fargo bought Wachovia Bank, they became

the owners of Westin.

Wells Fargo put the hotel on the market and in 2012, RIU won a bidding contest to purchase the property. In July 2013, the two parties signed a Letter of Intent, with the stipulation that RIU had 3 months time for due diligence to meet the terms of the agreement. RIU didn't agree with the conditions stipulated, and presented counter-conditions, which Wells Fargo accepted.

The Aruba government, in turn, informed RIU of the recent changes in the labor laws, effective this year, which stipulates that RIU must take over the employees of the Westin, including their accrued benefits. RIU also came to an agreement with Starwood, the company that at present manages the hotel.

RIU also informed the Minister of Tourism that once the process to buy the Westin (about 2 months) is finalized, they will start with renovating and upgrading the facility. The cost of the renovations are expected to be between 30 to 40 million U.S. dollars

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"Better Show" crew on island to show why Aruba is better!



Filming at Fisherman's Huts

ORANJESTAD -- This weekend, Aruba and the Radisson Resort played host to JD (John David) Roberto, co-host of the syndicated morning program "The Better Show," which is targeted at making life better for its millions of viewers watching on over 160 channels across the U.S. Where better to do that than Aruba? JD and his cameraman Carlos-Miguel Ferreira have been escorted around the island by Bethany Swanson of The Zimmerman Agency, the Aruba Tourism Authority's P/R firm. Their experiences will become part of a promotion, "Aruba Week," beginning December 9, ending with an all expenses paid giveaway of a five-day island getaway for two. Viewers can participate by visiting their website <http://better.tv/>. There will be a random drawing at the end of the week.

Presently, they are enjoying a whirlwind few days, exploring Arikok National Park, attempting to windsurf with Aruba Active Vacations and

discovery the fine local eateries from Zeerover fish shack to haute cuisine at White Modern Cuisine restaurant.

THE MORNING NEWS caught up with JD and his crew at Fisherman's Huts, where they were able too cool off in the crystal blue Caribbean waters, while trying to stay balanced and master windsurfing. JD was somewhat critical of his performance, but soothed to learn that it is the very rare student that masters the sport in less than an hour.

TMN: Tell me about The Better Show and Aruba.

JD Roberto: The company that produces us publishes Better Homes, Family Circle, we do a lot of lifestyle stuff and travel stuff, and that is what we are doing here, preparing for the sweepstakes. We are trying to show some of the best, we couldn't show everything, of the great things people can do while on Aruba.

This place is amazing; we always fight over who gets to go on these trips.

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Aruba In Style 2013 throws a stylish opening event in the Westin Art Gallery



AIS founders with ATA CEO and Designer Layana Aguilar



Designer Gigliola with one of her designs

ORANJESTAD -- This year, the Westin Resort Aruba is the host of the third edition of Aruba In Style, the island's premiere annual fashion event. AIS co-founders Eveline Wever, Damallice Mansur and Ronchi de Cuba welcomed international designer, Layana Aguilar, originally from Brazil, but with now New York, who hosted the Thursday evening opening event "Aruba One Look." Aguilar was a Project Runway Season 11 designer finalist.

Also personally welcoming the dynamic young designer was the CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes.

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"Better Show" crew on island to show why Aruba is better!

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Obviously, the best job when you are working on TV is when you get to go work somewhere beautiful, and that is what we are doing here.

TMN: You have a history of hosting some edgy, reality TV. How is The Better Show a different experience for you?

JD: I am in a different place in my life than when I was hosting TV shows in my twenties. I am a dad, a husband, so what I work on and put on TV is much more important to me than it ever was. Being involved in what you described as "tamer," I think of as something more positive. It really revolves around making people's lives better, this is something I am proud of, something my kids can watch. For me, being involved in the show is really about being the kind of dad, husband and man I want to be. (He was the first male host of the show when he stepped into the co-anchor chair three years ago.)

I like that. And I learn a lot! I would never know as much about cooking, women's shoe styles, or the best colors for winter, or

makeup trends...I know WAAY too much stuff! I go home and tell my wife, "Honey, those wedges your wearing are beautiful and they are going to be in style next season! And she loves it! She loves it that her husband actually knows something about fashion now."

TMN: So you are becoming a true metro sexual?

JD: I am absolutely a metro sexual and proud of it!

TMN: Have you been to many tropical destinations?

JD: I have done stories in the Dominican Republic, Taiwan, all over Europe. However, Aruba has really been unique. The people are SO friendly here. Sometimes you go to a tourist destination and you feel like the people you interact with are there to take your money and then send you on your way. I have really felt welcome here. I feel these are the nicest people I have met in any of my travels.

TMN: So you will be back with the family for a vacation?

JD: I heard this is the most returned to island in the Caribbean, and I will be a returnee!

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Aruba In Style 2013...

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She expressed her belief in the importance of the Aruba in Style event for showcasing the mix of contemporary culture with fantastic shopping the island has to offer.

This year, the three days of Aruba in Style features the collections of designers of Catalina Alvarez and Mariana Hinestroza from Agua Bendita, Arubianas, Rebecca Paz of Beck Dutch Caribbean, Aruban designer Berjheny Del Mar, the EZ line and Arubianas from Venezuelan designer Eva Zissu and Gigliola.

Friday evening's event showcased Aguilar's new collection, plus the resort wear of Berjheny Del Mar and Agua Bendita swim and beach wear around the pool of the Renaissance Resort in Oranjestad.

This afternoon Aruba in Style will host their first "High Tea," at 3:00 with the work of Rebecca Paz and Beck Dutch Caribbean the featured designer. The fashion show will take place in the Pago Pago restaurant of the Westin Resort in Palm Beach beginning at 3:00 PM. Tonight, the EZ and Arubianas collections of Eva Zissu, will be the star of the show, along with Oakly, BCBGeneration and Gottex swimwear. The catwalk around the Westin pool will take place beginning at 8:00 PM, and the climax will be the unveiling of the newest edition of Bacchanal, Aruba's "bible" of Carnival, edited and published by Chibi van der Hans. The new issue is a tribute to Carnival group leaders, in honor of the landmark 60th anniversary carnival coming up in January. Organizer confided that carnival style will play a role in the accompanying fashion show.

Aruba in Style was pleased to welcome, along with the designers, a coterie of international fashion media, who are giving the event widespread coverage in recognized publications and on the net.

Those interested in obtaining tickets should visit the official website, www.arubainstyle.com, or visit their headquarters in the Buena Vista Room on the 17th floor of the Westin Aruba Resort.

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International and local press anxious to cover Royal visit

ORANJESTAD -- The first official visit of the Royal couple to Aruba brings with it the expected attention from the press. The organizing commission did not expect, however, the long list of media of communication asking for accreditation to cover the entire program of activities of the Royal couple on Aruba. Requests have come from Holland and Europe as well as from Argentina, and of course from Aruba. In the requests there are newspapers, magazines,

radio and television wanting to get close up coverage of each moment of the two-day visit of the Royal couple on Aruba.

A delegation of the press is coming from Holland with reporters, photographers and camera crew from, among others, De Algemeen Dagblad, Reformatorisch Dagblad, De Telegraaf, Vorsten Royal, Dutch Photo Press, ANP, Royal Press Europa, Medida RTV 7, NOS Evenementen and NOS Nieuws, as well as Blauw Bloed of EO,

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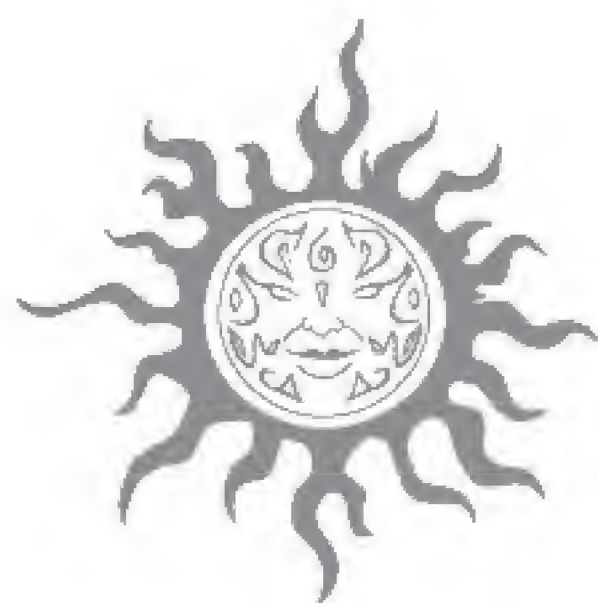
In view of Queen Maxima's Latin American origin, the Argentine press also wants to be present in Aruba to experience the visit of the Royal Dutch family member who hails from the nation of Tango. A team is coming from Argentina from the Caras magazine as well as from television and radio.

In addition to covering all aspects of the Royal visit, the international press will also have an opportunity to get ac-

quainted with Aruba and her people, thanks to the assistance from the Aruba Tourism Association.

According to the Governor's assistant, Roel Samsom, it is important to show that Aruba is not just an other island in the Dutch Kingdom, but we must showcase the aspects that make Aruba so peculiar.

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American hotel giant Marriott to pull out of Athens

ATHENS (AFP) - American hotel giant Marriott International will pull out of Athens after a 30-year run, a local representative for the hotel said on Friday.

"We had a 30-year contract which runs out on December 31. After discussions, both sides agreed not to renew," Andreas Meletiou told AFP.

"The hotel will continue to operate directly from its parent company, ASTY S.A.," he added.

On its website, the Athens Ledra Marriott said: "Please be advised that as of December 31st 2013 the hotel will no longer operate as a Marriott."

The luxury hotel is situated on the central Syngrou

avenue, close to the Greek capital's city centre.

Slogging through a sixth straight year of recession and with little progress in cutting red tape, Greece has laboured to attract investors.

A crash privatisation drive of state assets has so far had little success, and a number of prominent companies have relocated to other markets in recent months.

French supermarket giant Carrefour and banks Credit Agricole and Societe Generale recently took steps to extricate themselves from Greece.

Last year, Coca-Cola's second biggest bottler worldwide, Athens-based Coca-Cola Hellenic (CCHBC), moved its headquarters to Switzerland.

US charges Suriname leader's son over Hezbollah ties

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The United States charged the son of Suriname President Desi Bouterse on Friday with attempting to supply weapons to Hezbollah and allow its fighters a base to attack American targets.

Dino Bouterse, extradited from Panama to the US in August, already faces charges of plotting to import 22 pounds (10 kilograms) of cocaine into the United States and of holding an anti-tank weapon during the offense.

He was arrested after a meeting with undercover US agents posing as Hezbollah associates to discuss hosting 30 to 60 Hezbollah members in Suriname for training and operations.

According to the indictment unsealed in a New York federal court, Bouterse was given millions of dollars to allow dozens of purported Hezbollah operatives to use Suriname as a base.

He allegedly started to determine which heavy weapons he might provide Hezbollah and how Hezbollah operatives, supplied with a Surinamese cover story, might enter the United States.

Bouterse indicated he was aware the purported Hezbollah operatives would operate against American targets and agreed to supply Surinamese passports to assist their travel into the US.

In response to a request for surface-to-air missiles and

rocket-propelled grenades, Bouterse said he would need "two months" and that he would provide a list of what he could supply.

If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison on the Hezbollah charge and a maximum sentence of life in prison over cocaine trafficking and brandishing a weapon.

Bouterse was previously jailed in 2005 after a judge convicted him of leading a gang that trafficked cocaine and weapons.

When he was released after serving three years of an eight-year sentence, his father gave him a job as director of the country's anti-terrorism unit.



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Three dead as super typhoon whips Philippines

MANILA (AFP) - One of the most intense typhoons on record whipped the Philippines Friday, killing at least three people and terrifying millions as monster winds tore apart homes.

Super Typhoon Haiyan smashed into coastal communities on the central island of Samar, about 600 kilometres (370 miles) southeast of Manila, before dawn on Friday with maximum sustained winds of about 315 kilometres (195 miles) an hour.

"It was frightening. The wind was so strong, it was so loud, like a screaming woman. I could see trees being toppled down," said Liwayway Sabuco, a saleswoman from Catbalogan, a major city on Samar.

The government said three people had been confirmed killed and another man was missing after he fell off a gangplank in the central port of Cebu.

But the death toll was expected to rise, with authorities unable to immediately contact the worst affected areas and Haiyan only expected to leave the Philip-

pines in the evening.

An average of 20 major storms or typhoons, many of them deadly, batter the Philippines each year.

The developing country is particularly vulnerable because it is often the first major landmass for the storms after they build over the Pacific Ocean.

The Philippines suffered the world's strongest storm of 2012, when Typhoon Bopha left about 2,000 people dead or missing on the southern island of Mindanao.

But Haiyan's wind strength made it one of the four most powerful typhoons ever recorded in the world, and the most intense to have made landfall, according to Jeff Masters, the director of meteorology at US-based Weather Underground.

Authorities expressed initial confidence that the death toll from Haiyan would not climb dramatically, citing a massive effort starting two days before the typhoon hit to evacuate those in vulnerable areas and make other preparations.

More than 718,000 people had sought shelter in evacuation centres.



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Mexican mayor who resisted drug cartel tortured, murdered

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - The mayor of a Mexican village who had gone on a hunger strike to protest extortion by drug traffickers has been found tortured and murdered, an association of mayors said Friday.

Ygnacio Lopez Mendoza, the mayor of Santa Ana Maya in the state of Michoacan, was found dead Thursday in his pickup truck, which had been abandoned in a roadside ditch in a neighboring state.

Ricardo Baptista, president of the Association of Local Authorities of Mexico, told MVS Radio that Lopez was kidnapped at his home Wednesday night as he was parking his pickup truck.

Michoacan authorities initially said Lopez was killed in a traffic accident, but Baptista said prosecutors later told the mayor's family he was "tortured and assassinated."

Lopez had just returned from Mexico City where he had attended a meeting of the mayors' association, Baptista said.

Last month, the mayor staged an 18-day fast outside the Mexican Senate to demand help for his village of 13,000.

He said at the time that members of the Knights Templar drug cartel were demanding that Michoacan mayors pay them 10 percent of the state's public works budget.

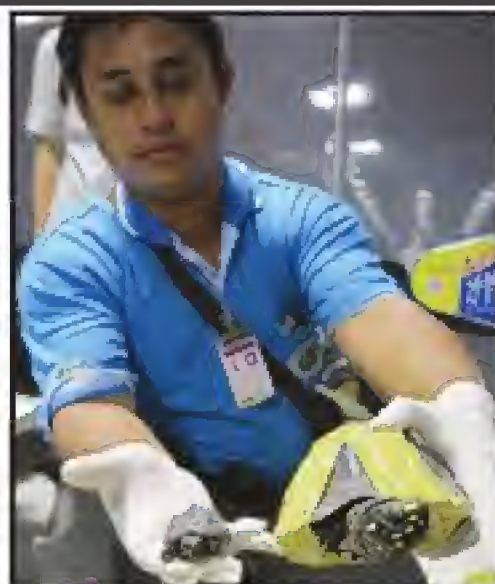
Baptista said Lopez had received renewed threats from criminals demanding payments.

Michoacan has been lashed by violence linked to the Knights Templar, prompting villagers to form their own militias to protect themselves.

According to Baptista, 47 mayors have been murdered in Mexico since 2006.

Almost 500 protected turtles found in Thai airport bags

BANGKOK (AFP) - Thai customs have found over a thousand turtles and tortoises in airport luggage in a week, including a haul of 470 creatures Friday as conservationists warn of "skyrocketing" smuggling for the pet trade. Officials at Suvarnabhumi Airport said a 25-year-old Pakistani man had been arrested on suspicion of wildlife trafficking after four suitcases on a flight from Lahore were found to contain the protected black pond turtles. The discovery came after authorities found 423 protected tortoises and 52 black pond turtles stashed in unclaimed bags on a carousel on Wednesday after arriving on a flight from Bangladesh. The rare black pond turtle originates in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Nepal. International trade of the creatures is forbidden. Thailand, seen as a hub for traffickers of many endangered species, came under pressure over the rampant smuggling of ivory through its territory during Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) talks in Bangkok this year.



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Italy shipwreck migrants raped, tortured: police

ROME (AFP) - Dozens of asylum-seekers on a boat that sank near the Italian coast last month with the loss of 366 lives were raped and tortured in Libya before starting their journey, the police said on Friday.

A group of 130 migrants from Eritrea were held for ransom in the desert, according to testimony from survivors that led to the arrest of a Somali man in Italy accused of being one of the traffickers.

The Somali, Libyan militiamen and Sudanese traffickers all took part in the alleged assaults in a detention centre in Sabha -- an oasis in the desert in southwest Libya -- that prosecutor Maurizio Scalia likened to "a concentration camp".

"They forced us to watch our men being tortured with various methods including batons, electric shocks to the feet. Whoever rebelled was tied up," read the testimony of a 17-year-old Eritrean girl in the investigation, La Repubblica daily reported.

The migrants were forced to pay up to \$3,500 (2,600 euros) for their freedom and their onward journey to the Libyan coast and a boat to Italy.

"The women who could not pay were assaulted," the girl was quoted as saying in her criminal charge.



She also described in horrific detail her own sexual assault, saying that the Somali man -- named by police as 34-year-old Elmi Mouhamud Muhidin -- was one of the three men who raped her.

"They threw me on the ground, held me down and poured fuel on my head. It burnt my hair, then my face, then my eyes. Then the three of them raped me without protection. After a quarter of an hour I was beaten and taken back to the house."

Scalia said simply: "All the women in that centre were raped by Somalis and Libyans. It was like a concentration camp."

Migrants from Eritrea and Somalia frequently speak of abuses along their journeys to

Europe, particularly in an increasingly lawless Libya following the fall of dictator Moamer Kadhafi.

Their allegations are rarely investigated, however, and migrant rights groups complain that more international action should be taken to ease their plight in the countries they transit through.

A Somali was arrested this week on the remote Italian island of Lampedusa where the October 3 shipwreck happened and has now been flown to Sicily where he faces up to 30 years in prison.

The man arrived on the island on October 25 and had been staying in the local migrant centre, pretending to be one of the refugees, investigators said.

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Spain reports first case of deadly MERS coronavirus

MADRID (AFP) - Spain said yesterday that a woman who just returned from Saudi Arabia has been infected by the MERS coronavirus in the country's first case of the deadly disease.

The patient, who was born in Morocco but lives in Spain, is receiving treatment at a Madrid hospital and is in a "stable" condition, the health ministry said in a statement.

She had spent October in Saudi Arabia, where the disease first appeared in September 2012, it added.

The Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) has so far claimed 64 lives worldwide, with the greatest number of deaths in Saudi Arabia, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The WHO said Monday there were a total of 150 laboratory-confirmed cases of the respiratory disease worldwide.

The disease has so far been detected in only four other European nations -- Britain, Germany, France and Italy -- always among people who had recently travelled to the Middle East.

It is unclear whether the woman had gone to the annual hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia, which gathered hundreds of thousands of faithful last month in an event that was nervously monitored for any MERS outbreak.

Experts are struggling to understand MERS, for which there is no vaccine.

Like SARS, MERS appears to cause a lung infection, with patients suffering from a temperature, cough and breathing difficulty.

PERSON CENTERED DEMENTIA CARE: "An Alternative Perspective"

ORANJESTAD- Fundacion Alzheimer Aruba in conjunction with Alzheimer Association USA, Presents:

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Speaker: Connie Lucas, Program Specialist and Special Projects Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, USA.

This lecture will be held on: Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Time: 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Venue: University of Aruba

Language: English

Admission: Free Health professionals and Public in general are welcome.

Who is Ms. Connie Lucas?

Ms. Lucas has worked in the field of dementia care for the past 25 years, starting with developing the first dementia specific day care program in the state of Iowa. She has served as director of an elderly adult day program, director of an assisted living facility, developer and support group leader for people with early stage dementia and their families, and currently plans and



implements dementia conferences.

"After working with people with dementia I learned that what they really want and need is to be treated as real people, and their care partners were much happier when they understood dementia from the perspective of that person.

If we are able to know about the disease and then know about the person with dementia even better, it makes life easier for all.

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comes their mode of communication when they have lost their words and reasoning ability, are two major factors in person centered care. When we understand that instead of thinking "that person has out of control behavior" we need to think, "that person just reacted to my approach".



Satellite falling to Earth



An artist's rendering shows the Gravity Field and Steady-State Ocean Explorer, better known as GOCE.

A European satellite that ran out of fuel will start falling in the next few days, and fragments of the disintegrating 2,000-pound spacecraft are expected to strike the Earth's surface. Re-entry probably will occur Sunday or Monday. Nobody knows where or when the fragments will hit, but the European Space Agency has said the parts are likely to fall into the ocean or unpopulated areas. Potential spots will be narrowed down closer to re-entry, ESA said on its website. GOCE was launched in 2009 to map variations in the Earth's gravity in 3D, provide ocean circulation patterns and make other measurements. GOCE ran out of fuel October 21. On November 4, ESA's website said the satellite was orbiting the Earth at 119 miles and the rate of descent would increase significantly in coming days.



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As Twitter flies, fears mount on bubble

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Twitter's high-flying Wall Street debut drew attention to the growing power of social media, but also raised concerns about a potential bubble in the sector.

The opening day gains Thursday of more than 70 percent after its initial public offering (IPO) stirred memories for some of the dot-com boom and bust of the late 1990s.

Even some admirers of the popular messaging platform said the outsized gains were unsustainable and that investors should bail out.

Daniel Ernst at Hudson Square Research issued a "sell" recommendation Friday, saying that Twitter is "more than fully valued" and priced at 600 times its projected earnings before depreciation and other charges.

The splash from Twitter has sparked talk of IPOs from rivals such as Pinterest, the photo-sharing social network, and Square, a payments platform for mobile devices led by Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey.

The research firm Dealogic said 41 US listed technology or Internet IPOs have raised \$7.8 billion so far in 2013.

That is down from \$20.5 billion in 25 deals last year at the same time, although Facebook accounted for \$16.0 billion of that. The peak full year was 1999, when 373 IPOs raised

\$39.9 billion, the research firm said.

Analysts are divided on whether the market has become overheated.

"It is reminiscent of the dot-

com bubble, but this time the companies seem real, so it isn't clear to me that the bubble will break," said Michael Pachter, head of equity research at

Wedbush Securities, who follows emerging tech companies.

"Facebook and LinkedIn have demonstrated that there is power to these models."

Twitter has fast become engrained in popular culture but must still convince investors of its business model, having lost more than \$440 million since 2010.



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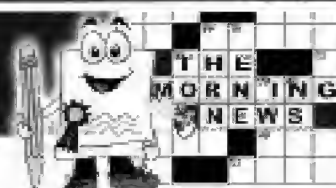
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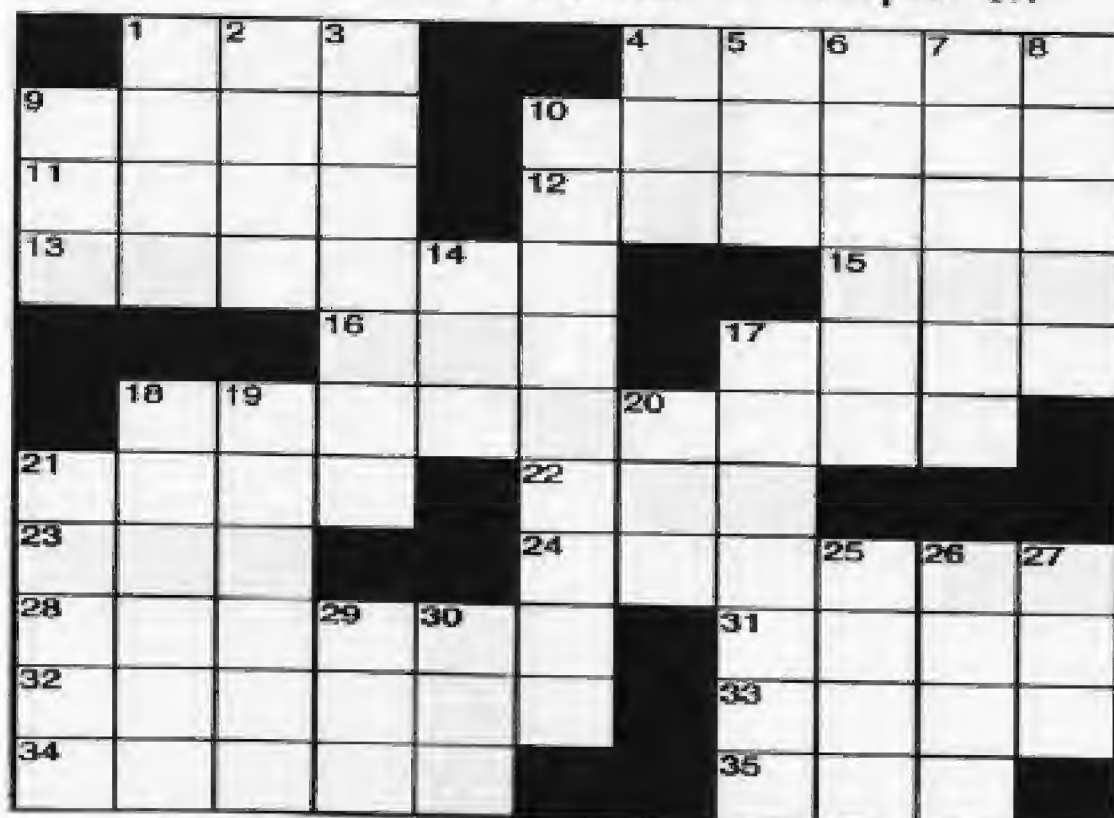
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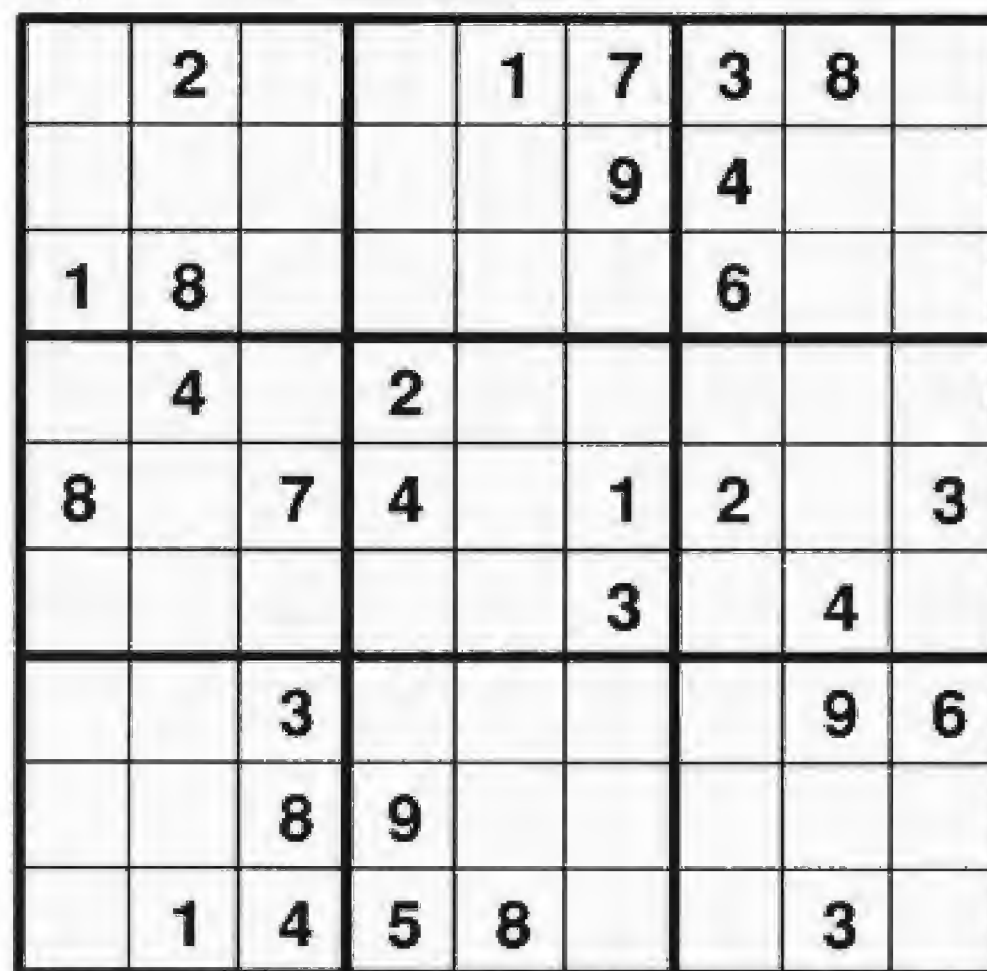
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Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	241.62
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The Netherlands' 92,000 millionaires remain optimistic, report shows

THE HAGUE - Dutch millionaires remain optimistic about their personal fortunes and their assets are stable despite the economic crisis, according to the latest Dutch Wealth Report 2013.

The report, compiled by Van Lanschot Bankiers, the national statistics office CBS and research bureau GfK, shows the average Dutch millionaire is a white, 59-year-old man, who is well educated, drives a BMW and votes for the right-wing Liberal VVD.

The research shows that in Europe only Switzerland and Belgium have more millionaires than the Netherlands, which has some 92,000 households with assets of over €1m. One in 100 Dutch households have millionaire status and together they own 40% of the Netherlands' assets.

Most live in Amsterdam but the highest density of millionaires can be found in Blaricum, Bloemendaal, Laren and Wassenaar. Spijkenisse comes bottom of the list, where just 0.2% of the population are millionaires.

Households are considered to be millionaires if they have assets of over €1m, excluding pensions and the property they

live in.

The main change between this year's report and last year's inaugural issue is that millionaires are more positive about the economy and their own personal finances than a year ago, said Richard Bruens, head of Van Lanschot Private Banking.

IMF approves loan installment for Portugal



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund said Friday that Portugal would receive a nearly two-billion-euro installment of its bailout loan as the country pursues austerity measures to trim its public deficit.

The IMF Executive Board approved the disbursement of 1.91 billion euros (\$2.55 billion) after completing reviews of Portugal's performance under an economic program supported by a three-year IMF loan, the Washington-based institution said in a statement.

The disbursement brings total disbursements under the loan to 24.34 billion euros.

The heavily indebted country received a 78-billion-euro

Obama blames Republicans for putting brakes on economy

NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - President Barack Obama Friday accused Republicans of slamming on the brakes every time the US economy is set to take off, as he cheered jobs and growth data that defied expectations.

Obama traveled to the port city of New Orleans and warned that a government shutdown last month, which he blamed on his political foes in Congress, had dampened US economic prospects.

"We learned yesterday that over the summer, our economy grew at its fastest pace in a year," Obama said.

"The bad news is that the very day the economic quarter ended, some folks in Washington decided to shut down the government and threatened to default on America's obligations for the first in more than 200 years.

"It's like the gears of our economy, every time they are just about to take off, suddenly somebody taps the brakes and says, not so fast."

Obama noted Friday's Labor Department data that showed the economy churned out more



than 200,000 jobs in October, which was higher than expected, but said the shutdown had tempered the country's employment engine.

"These self-inflicted wounds don't have to happen. They should not happen again. We should not be injuring ourselves every few months.

"We should be investing in ourselves. We should be building, not tearing things down," Obama said.

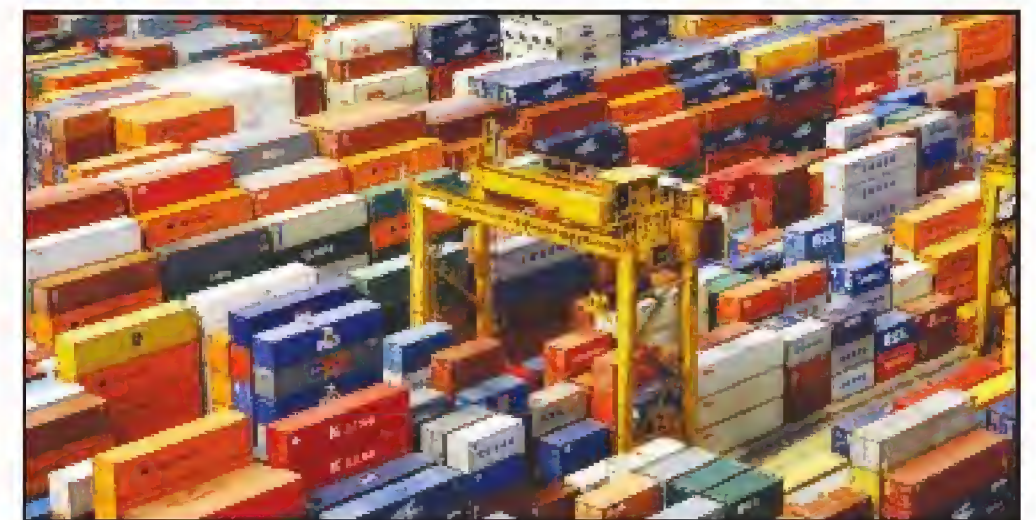
Specifically, the president called on lawmakers to pass an agriculture bill currently stuck in the divided Congress, to take up immigration reform

bill that is stalled in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives and to agree on a long-term budget deal.

The Labor Department said earlier that the US economy created 204,000 jobs last month, many more than analysts expected, though the unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 7.3 percent.

On Thursday, the Commerce Department said the US economy grew at an annual rate of 2.8 percent in July-September, well above the 1.9 percent projected by analysts, in the strongest pace of growth in a year.

SKorea, EU see trade boost as way out of crisis



BRUSSELS (AFP) - EU leaders and South Korean President Park Geun-Hye agreed at summit talks Friday to give fresh impetus to a ground-breaking trade agreement as a way out of the economic doldrums.

"Europe's prosperity is linked to that of others such as Korea's," European Union president Herman Van Rompuy said at the close of an EU-Korea summit marking 50 years of diplomatic ties. "The answer is not protectionism but an increased opening of markets."

The two sides anchored their relationship in 2011 with a ground-breaking free trade deal, the first of its kind between the 28-nation bloc of 500 million people and an Asian partner.

The deal has given European Union exports a 24 percent boost and two years on, the EU is now the largest for-

ign investor in South Korea, said European Commission president Jose Manuel Barroso.

Also during the summit the two signed a research deal and agreed that South Korea, as the first Asian partner, participate in EU crisis management operations.

A series of territorial disputes which pit China, Japan and South Korea against each other were also on the agenda as the bloc prepares for two other key Asian summits with Beijing and Tokyo later this month.

Park arrived in Brussels after stops in Paris and London this week.

Trade also featured high in Park's talks with British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Britain is the top destination for Korean investment in Europe while South Korea is the 16th largest market for British exports worldwide, officials said.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Dubai dishes out gold awards to weight losers

DUBAI (AFP) - Dubai municipality has dished out 2.8 million dirhams (\$762,942) worth of gold in prizes to contestants in a weight-loss challenge, an initiative by the Gulf emirate to fight obesity.

The "Your Weight in Gold" campaign promised one gram of gold for each kilogram shed, provided the contestants lost at least two kilos (4.6 pounds) by August 16, when the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan ended.

Ahmad al-Sheikh, a 27-year-old Syrian architect, claimed the top prize of 63 grams of gold worth 10,048 dirhams after losing 26 kilos.

Sheikh, who weighed 146.7



kilos at the start of the competition, was one of 2,648 winners who together received 16.82 kilos of gold on Thursday.

"I actually registered 15 days later in the campaign and was worried at first, because I thought I lost a head start to all the other contestants," he told the Gulf News daily.

The second and third place winners shed 23 kilos and 22 kilos, respectively.

Gulf News said that those who shed five kilos and above got two grams of gold for each kilo lost, while those shedding 10 kilos and above were entitled to three grams of gold for every kilo lost.

During Ramadan, the faithful refrain from eating, drinking and smoking between dawn and sunset.

But many tend to tuck in heartily after dark, despite warnings that overindulgence can be bad for the health.

Many Gulf countries are struggling to reduce the level of obesity among their populations.

US religious retailer apologizes to Asian Americans

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The retail arm of the largest US Protestant denomination has apologized to Asian Americans for using stereotypical images including rickshaws.

For its summer Bible school, a unit of the Southern Baptist Convention promoted to children a "Far Out Far East Rickshaw Rally: Racing to the Son." Advertisements included images of the hand-pulled cart as well as other Asian motifs including boxes of Chinese takeout food.

Community advocates protested after the advertisement came out in 2004, saying it cast Asian Americans in stereotypical, foreign imagery associated with poverty.

Lifeway Christian Resources -- which runs more than 160 Baptist stores across

the United States, mostly in the South -- apologized nearly a decade later and said that its staff would work to show more sensitivity in the future.

"I am sincerely sorry stereotypes were used in our materials, and I apologize for the pain that they caused," Thom Rainer, the president and CEO of the retailer, told a multiethnic church conference in California on Wednesday.

The retailer had earlier pulled the advertisement but defended it, with a previous executive accusing critics of making "inflammatory" charges of racism.

The Southern Baptist Convention is the largest religious denomination in the United States after the Roman Catholic Church and has historically been identified with conservative views.

Miss Universe Aruba 2013



RUSSIA - The Miss Universe 2013 pageant is airing Today, Nov. 9 from Crocus City Hall in Moscow.

Miss Universe 2013 will be the 62nd Miss Universe pageant.

Olivia Culpo from USA will crown her successor at the end of the event.

Eighty-six countries and territories will participate in the event.

The pageant will be televised live at 10:00 p.m. MSK

(UTC+4) in various broadcasters all around the world and it will also telecast on NBC and Telemundo in the United States, with the tape delayed primetime telecast at 9:00 p.m. ET, which is nine hours behind Moscow.

Beautiful Stefanie Guillen Evangelista will be representing Aruba.

We wish Miss Aruba, Stefanie Guillen all the best in this competition.

Hopie Exitó!



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Actress Mariska Hargitay and her daughter, Amaya, attend a ceremony honoring Hargitay with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Friday November 8, 2013 in Hollywood, California.

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plantains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming

eatory their loyal clientele. Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses of Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes, all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

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From an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

Looking back on European IFCA Youth Windsurfing Championship!

PREMANTURA, Croatia - This year's European IFCA Youth Freestyle Windsurfing Championships, were held once again in Premantura, Istria, Croatia.

In four age divisions battles were fought over the European title, namely the Under 13, U15, U17 and U20 category.

The event took off with very light wind conditions, leaving the older surfers frustrated and without the possibility to start their heats on day one.

On day two the whole crew took to the beach bright and early and the skippers meeting was held at 7 AM.

Wind gusts up to 25 knots were measured and the athletes pulled out all the stops showing the most amazing power moves and crazy tricks.

Once again Steven Max Lageveen from Aruba amazed the crowds and his fellow competitors with his very technically complicated moves, securing 1st place in both the U17 and U20 divisions, after several tough heats against some really strong competitors hailing from Italy, Belgium, Austria, Croatia, Slovenia and Russia.

The wind stayed away for the next two days, making it impossible to continue competing.

On the last day of the competition the organization decided to push forward with another round of heats, even though the wind conditions were less than favorable for the U 17 and U20 categories, making it near to impossible



for the competitors to complete their moves.

After several breezeless heats, battling it out in the U17 and U 20 finals, Steven managed to win the 2nd place position in both divisions, sadly not being able to do his larger power moves.

The event ended early with the wind dying down completely and without being able to complete several of the other division's competitions.

The final results of the European IFCA Youth Freestyle Windsurfing Championships 2014 are:

In the under 20 category:

Giovanni Passani (Italy) 1st place, Steven Max (Aruba) 2nd place, Matthijs Lasore (Belgium) 3rd place.

In the under 20 category: Michiel De Cooman (Belgium) 1st place, Steven Max (Aruba) 2nd place and David Zimmer (Austria) 3th in place.

A job well done by these talented youngsters, who time after time face, mind boggling conditions to show the world their incredible athletic capabilities.

Photo by: Luc De Cooman

Tennis: Wawrinka waits for Nadal London favour

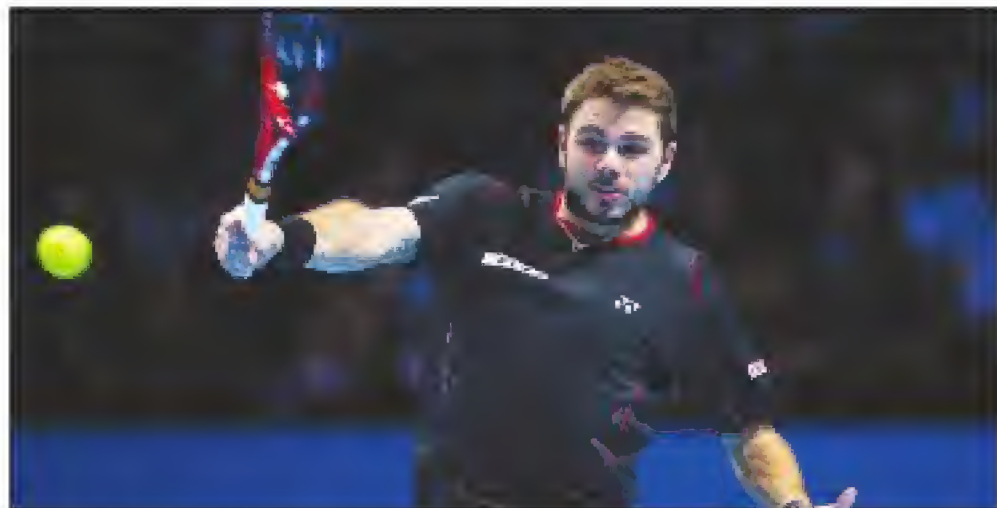
LONDON (AFP) - Stanislas Wawrinka defeated David Ferrer 6-7 (3/7), 6-4, 6-1 on Friday to keep alive his hopes of making the last four of the ATP World Tour Finals.

Wawrinka was pleased with his battling effort against Ferrer in just over two and a quarter hours after throwing away the first set while leading 5-2 but losing in a tiebreaker.

Wawrinka committed a massive 30 unforced errors in the 61-minute first set against the 31-year-old Ferrer.

Even if the Spaniard had nothing to lose, and was out of semi-final contention, he fought like a terrier to keep Wawrinka off-balance in the first set.

Ferrer rallied from the depths, breaking in the ninth game and again in the 11th for



6-5 after the Swiss saved four break points.

But a break-back from Wawrinka levelled at six apiece to bring on the decider.

Ferrer sprinted to 3-1 and eventually took the set to Wawrinka's dismay from a Swiss forehand error.

Wawrinka came back in the second with an early break which was enough to see him

through to one set each.

In the third set, the Swiss sensed the finishing line and earned two breaks to bolt home after conversions on six of seven break points.

He struck 35 winners and overcame 56 unforced errors.

Nadal takes a 16-3 record over Berdych into their match, having won the pair's last 15 meetings.

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ABU DHABI (AFP) - Nigerian players celebrate their win in the finals of the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2013 football match against Mexico at the Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium, on Friday in Abu Dhabi. Nigeria won 3-0.




ENVIGADO (AFP) - Colombia's Itagui player Jhonny Meza (L) vies for the ball with Paraguayan Libertad player Fredy Bareiro during their Copa Sudamericana football match at the Polideportivo Sur stadium in Envigado, Antioquia department, Colombia on Thursday. Itagui won 1-0.



VALENCIA (AFP) - Championship leader Marc Marquez, who is bidding to become motorcycling's youngest champion, topped the times in Friday's practice for this weekend's season-closing Valencia MotoGP. The Honda rookie holds a 13-point lead over his fellow Spaniard, Yamaha's defending champion Jorge Lorenzo. Marquez topped the time sheets after the two sessions with a best lap of 1min 31.220sec, followed by teammate Dani Pedrosa (at 0.066sec) and Lorenzo (0.158sec).

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NFL: Panthers-49ers clash reunites Newton, Kaepernick

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - The Carolina Panthers, in the NFL playoff mix after four losing seasons, face a stiff test Sunday against Colin Kaepernick and the San Francisco 49ers.

The clash features two quarterbacks drafted in 2011 -- that year's number one draft pick Cam Newton of Carolina and Kaepernick -- as well as coaches Jim Harbaugh and Ron Rivera who once played together for the Chicago Bears.

It was Newton who made the bigger splash back in 2011, when he was selected with the first overall pick in the NFL draft and immediately installed as the Panthers' starting quarterback.

Kaepernick was taken 36th that year, and didn't get his starting shot until last season.



when he filled in for injured Alex Smith, won the job and helped the 49ers reach the Super Bowl.

The two haven't kept in touch since they were roommates at the NFL's draft combine in 2011, but Newton admitted he has followed Kaepernick's progress.

Both young quarterbacks boast strong arms and explosive speed and are prime examples of the dual-threat quarterbacks trending in the league right now.

Each is his team's second-leading rusher, Newton with 55 carries for 251 yards and four touchdowns and Kaepernick with 49 carries for 294 yards and three TDs.

Week 10 of the season kicked off on Thursday, with Minnesota snapping a four-game skid with a 34-27 victory over Washington.

The Vikings' defense made a goal-line stand in the final minute to preserve the victory. Washington quarterback Robert Griffin III directed a final drive that ended when he hit Santana Moss with a fourth-down pass in the corner of the end zone, but Moss was unable to get his feet down in bounds and the Vikings secured the win.

Minnesota improved to 2-7, but they saw quarterback Christian Ponder exit late in

the third quarter with a left shoulder injury. Ponder completed 17-of-21 passes for 174 yards, two touchdowns and an interception, while Vikings running back Adrian Peterson ran for 75 yards and two touchdowns.

When NFL action resumes on Sunday, coaches will be in the spotlight in San Diego and Arizona, where visitors Denver and Texas will have interim coaches at the helm.

Jack Del Rio will guide the Broncos against the Chargers as Denver coach John Fox continues to recover from heart valve replacement surgery.

Del Rio, in his second season as Denver's defensive coordinator, said he would leave the running of the Bronco's offense largely in the hands of offensive coordinator Adam Gase and star signal-caller Peyton Manning.

The Texans have also called on their defensive coordinator, Wade Phillips, to stand in for head coach Gary Kubiak, who suffered a small stroke at half-time of a game on Sunday.

Other games find Jacksonville at Tennessee, Cincinnati at Baltimore, St. Louis at Indianapolis, Seattle at Atlanta, Oakland at the New York Giants, Buffalo at Pittsburgh, Dallas at New Orleans and Miami at Tampa Bay.

Baseball news:



The iconic Mariano Rivera is honored at Lou Gehrig Sports Award Benefit. Retirement is fitting Rivera just fine, although he admitted there will always be that bond to the pinstripes. Rivera said he's been "so busy" since the season ended he hasn't started reflecting on the end of his career and the just-finished 2013 season. Rivera, the all-time saves leader who announced his retirement before the past season began, said even when spring training 2014 rolls around, "I won't be tempted" to unretire. That means for the first time since 1997, when he became the full-time Yankee closer, the club will be relying on someone other than Rivera to pitch in save situations.



Carlos Beltran has a good offer on the table from the Cardinals, but he's expected to decline the one-year, \$14.1 million deal even if he wants to remain in St. Louis and now *George King of the New York Post* reports that the Red Sox are showing "strong interest" in the 36-year-old outfielder. The Post reports that the Red Sox could be planning to replace free agent Jacoby Ellsbury, if the center fielder signs elsewhere, by pursuing Beltran and shifting either Shane Victorino or Jackie Bradley Jr. to center.

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'Ding-dong' Blatter insists on November start for Qatar World Cup
ABU DHABI (AFP) - FIFA president Sepp Blatter confirmed on Friday that he would favour playing the controversial 2022 Qatar World Cup in November and December. Meanwhile, the head of world football said he would also be prepared to listen to Qatar's response to accusations of abuse of workers. The prospect of moving the 2022 World Cup from its traditional June and July slot to January-February has angered winter sports federations because of a possible clash with that year's Winter Olympics. Winter sports federations and broadcasters argue that a high-profile football event clashing with their own seasons would dent television audiences and revenues. But putting the staging of the World Cup back to the end of the year would appease them, while also meaning that the tournament would interfere with the 2022-23 football season rather than 2021-22.